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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Spadaccini  
Serial No.: 10/769,169  
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Art Unit: 1724  
Examiner: Hopkins, Robert A.  
Title: **Method for Preventing Fuel Infiltration into  
Microporous Polymer Membranes**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final office action mailed on September 19, 2006. Please reconsider the rejection in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks, and allowance of claims 1-14 and 22-26. Accordingly, claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Jensvold*. The Examiner argues that *Jensvold* teaches all of the features of the claims, including that the microporous polymer membrane is an amorphous fluoropolymer. In response to Applicant's previous arguments, the Examiner explains that *Jensvold* discloses an asymmetric fluoropolymer membrane wherein the membrane has no definite form and that this meets the guidelines for an amorphous fluoropolymer. Respectfully, Applicant disagrees.